

automobile or his life insurance. It should be remembered, however, that all of the benefits described are only available when there has been a reduction in the income of the person affected, and his ability to fulfill his obligations has been definitely prejudiced by his entry into the armed forces; and if such person still has a substantial income, he may not avoid or delay the enforcement of such obligations.

LETTERS †

Concerning a Letter of Appreciation from the Headquarters of the Ninth Corps Area, United States Army.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH CORPS AREA

Office of the Surgeon

Fort Douglas, Utah, May 6, 1942.

Dear Doctor Kress:

My assistant, Colonel Moore, called my attention to your courtesies extended to the Army during my absence from the office. Please accept my thanks at this time.

I am also in receipt of the CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, which you forwarded to me. It has been perused with much interest and circulated to members of my staff. It confirms, in every detail, the splendid coöperation you are giving the Army at this critical time.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. R. BERRY,

Colonel, Medical Corps.

Concerning a Letter to Past Presidents of the California Medical Association and Reply thereto.

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

April 27, 1942

The Past Presidents of the California Medical Association, Addressed.

ATTENTION:

George H. Evans, President in 1907
John C. King, President in 1910
O. D. Hamlin, President in 1912
George H. Kress, President in 1916
John H. Graves, President in 1921
Edward N. Ewer, President in 1925
William H. Kiger, President in 1928
Morton R. Gibbons, President in 1929
Lyell C. Kinney, President in 1930
Junius B. Harris, President in 1931
George G. Reinle, President in 1933
Clarence G. Toland, President in 1934
Robert A. Peers, President in 1935
Edward M. Palette, President in 1936
W. W. Roblee, President in 1938
Harry H. Wilson, President in 1940

Dear Doctors:

Under "Program: By Days," on page 177 of the April, 1942, issue of C. & W. M., the "Past Presidents' Breakfast" is scheduled for 7:45 A.M., on Tuesday, May 4th. (In the Private Dining Room at Hotel Del Monte).

This letter is a reminder. If you cannot be present, may we have a message of greeting? The undersigned will be glad to present it to your colleagues.

Cordially and fraternally,

GEORGE H. KRESS, M.D.,
Association Secretary.

Replay from Dr. John C. King:

JOHN C. KING, M.D.

990 Atchison Street

Pasadena

May 1, 1942.

My Dear George:

A message? Sure! When a fellow is well along in his ninetieth year, he is always willing to offer advice to those who do not need it. Still, fifty years of practice taught me this: If I made any advance in professional science; if I enjoyed the respect of my community, and accumulated a modest sufficiency for old age, it was because I always tried to identify myself with the interests of my local profession, the local medical societies, and to be useful. If I became President of this or that, it was because some colleagues sort of believed in me. Any small success I may have achieved I owe to my professional brethren, not to myself. I can count on two or three fingers any injury received from other doctors. I cannot count the benefits I have received from them. Most of my friends have gone to heaven. Gone somewhere, anyhow, so I remain just a deaf, old derelict * * * and your friend,

Sincerely,

JOHN C. KING.

(COPY)

A Telegram of Greeting from Dr. King's Daughter:

Pasadena

Dr. George Kress, M.D.,

Del Monte Hotel.

My father, Doctor John C. King, has been thinking of you and the doctors of the California Medical Association who are gathering at Del Monte to close a most eventful year, and to open one which will be still more eventful. In his behalf we send you greetings. . . . Doctor King was eighty-nine last February. He retains a clear mind and keen interest in world affairs. He reads much and especially enjoys the State Association's Journal. He entertains many callers. He lectures weekly to a large bible class and he cares for his flower garden from which he gathers baskets full for the children in the church school. He sends to you all his kindest regards and hearty cheer as you undertake grave and new duties.

Sincerely yours,

Madge Prince.

Concerning American College of Chest Physicians.

San Francisco, May 4, 1942.

To the Editor:—As a Western Regent of the American College of Chest Physicians I have been asked to notify the Secretary of the CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE to publish a notice of the annual meeting of the College to be held at the Hotel Dennis at Atlantic City, June 6th to 8th. . . .

384 Post St.

Cordially,

HARRY C. WARREN.

Premarital Examination Laws in U. S.—Details of operation of the thirty premarital examination laws now in effect in the United States, summarized in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, by George F. Forster, Ph.D., and Howard J. Shaughnessy, Ph.D., Chicago, illustrate, they say, "the difficulties which are in many cases imposed on those who cross state lines in order to marry. These difficulties arise chiefly from the lack of reciprocity in the acceptance (1) of laboratory reports from out of state laboratories, and (2) of examination certificates signed by out of state physicians."

Interstate marriages are common in normal times and are now considerably increased as a result of the translocation of many eligible young men in the army camps, they explain.

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